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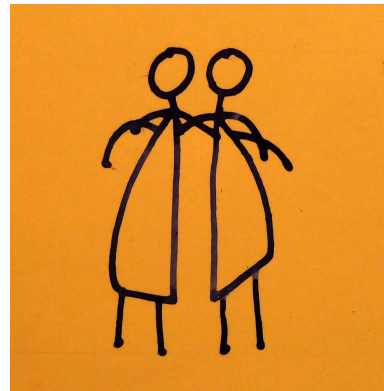
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How do we form healing relationships with other communities?

How do we heal our relationships with other communities?



INTERNATIONAL

World Death Rate Holding Steady At 100 Percent

JANUARY 22, 1997 | ISSUE 31-02

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND—World Health Organization officials expressed disappointment Monday at the group's finding that, despite the enormous efforts of doctors, rescue workers and other medical professionals worldwide, the global death rate remains constant at 100 percent.

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Death, a metabolic affliction causing total shutdown of all life functions, has long been considered humanity's number one health concern. Responsible for 100 percent of all recorded fatalities worldwide, the condition has no cure.

"I was really hoping, what with all

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... these are not dying peoples... the world remains a rich topography of the spirit. These myriad voices of humanity are not failed attempts at being you, failed attempts at being modern, they are unique facets of the human imagination, they are unique answers to a fundamental question: what does it mean to be human and alive?

... even those of us sympathetic to the plight of indigenous people view them as quaint and colourful but somehow reduced to the margins of history as the “real world,” meaning *our* world, moves on. Well the truth is, the 20th century, 300 years from now, is not going to be remembered for its wars or technical innovations, but rather as the era in which we stood by and either actively endorsed or passively accepted the massive destruction of biological and cultural diversity on the planet...

Genocide, the physical extinction of a people is universally condemned but **ethnocide**, the destruction of a people's way of life is not only not condemned it is... in many quarters, celebrated as part of the development strategy.

- Wade Davis

Is our way of seeing the world inherently superior to that of other cultures?

What does cultural sensitivity mean in practice? Polite respect for the amusing but dispensable quaintness of other cultures?

Are our concepts of health & health care systems more effective & powerful in the long run than other notions of health & healing?

Is the western medical model environmentally sustainable?
What would it look like without non-renewable resources?

Instead of fixing our own ways, are we feeding the aspirations of other peoples towards our environmentally destructive & unsustainable life styles & institutions?

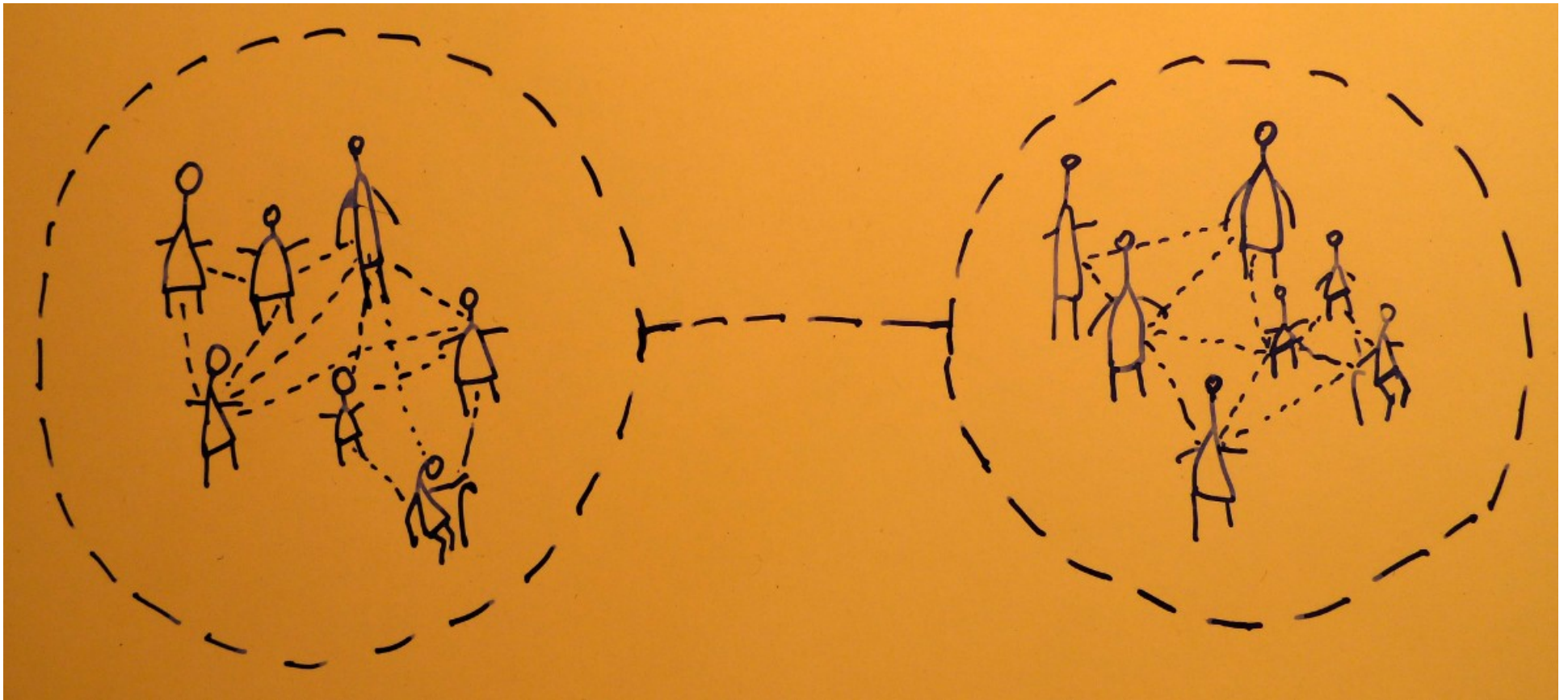


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The Question:

How do we
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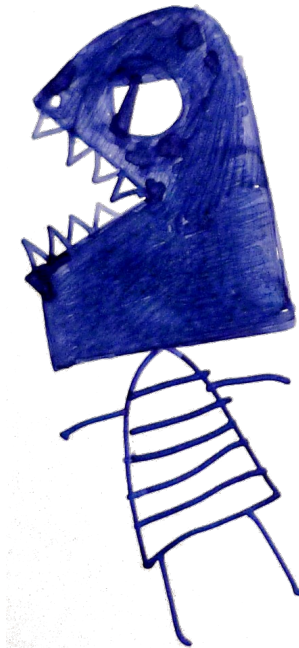
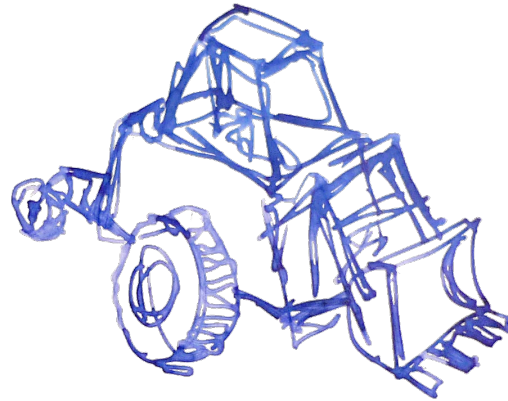
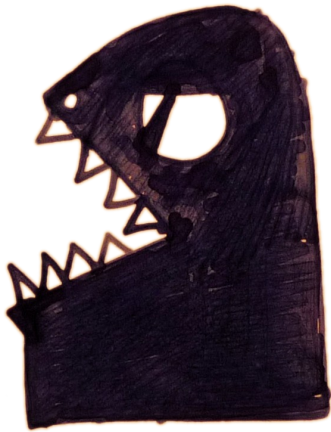


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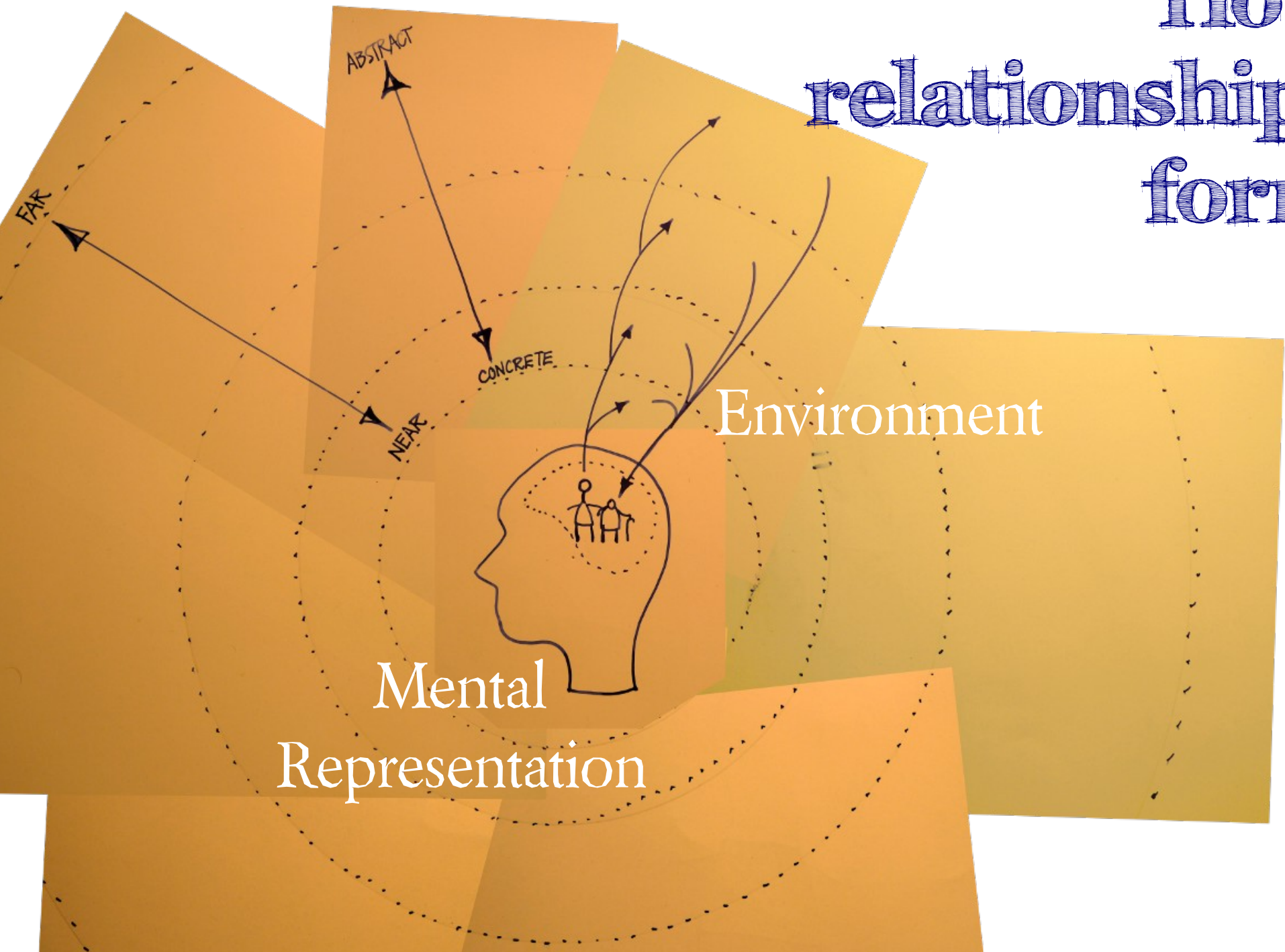
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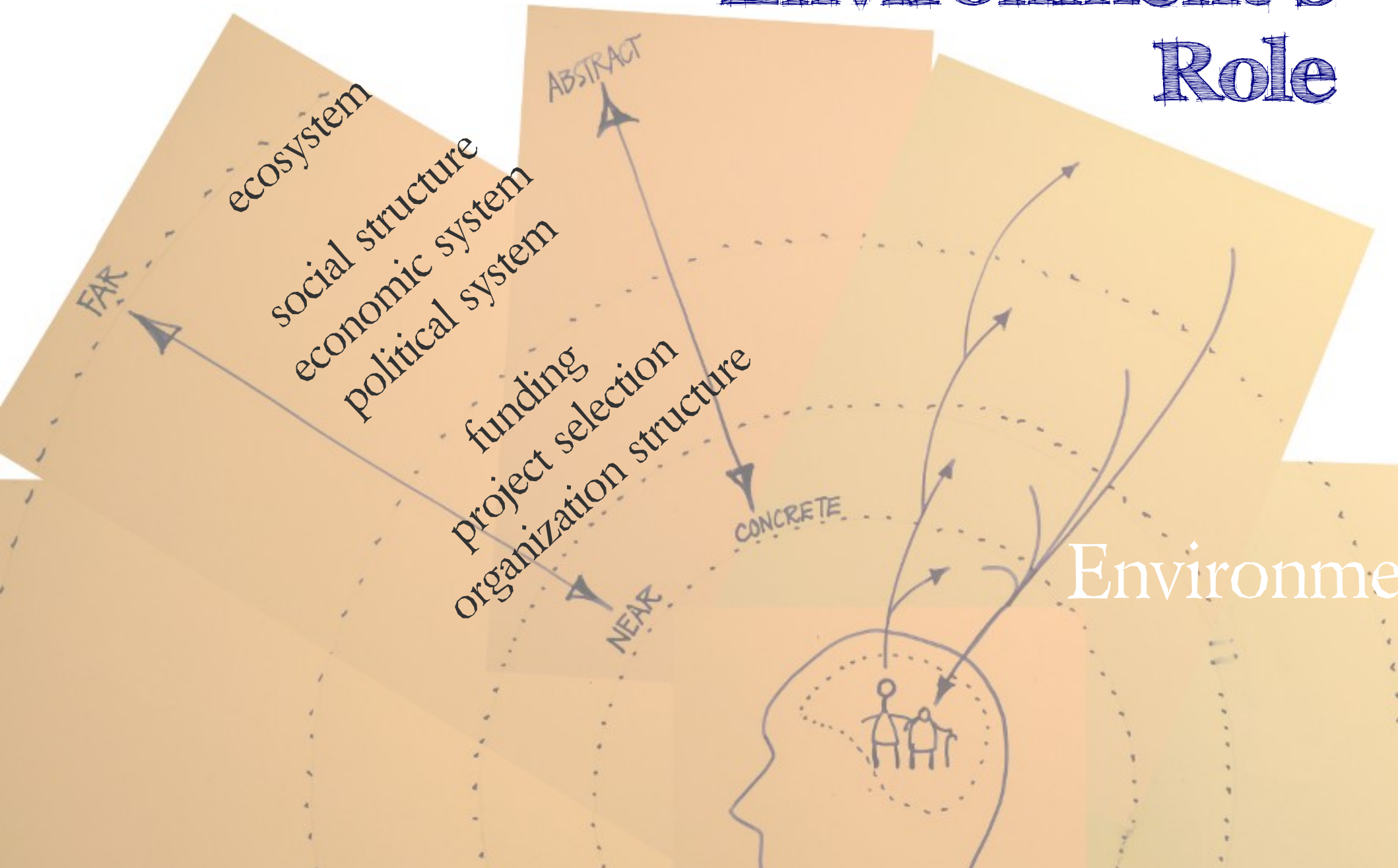
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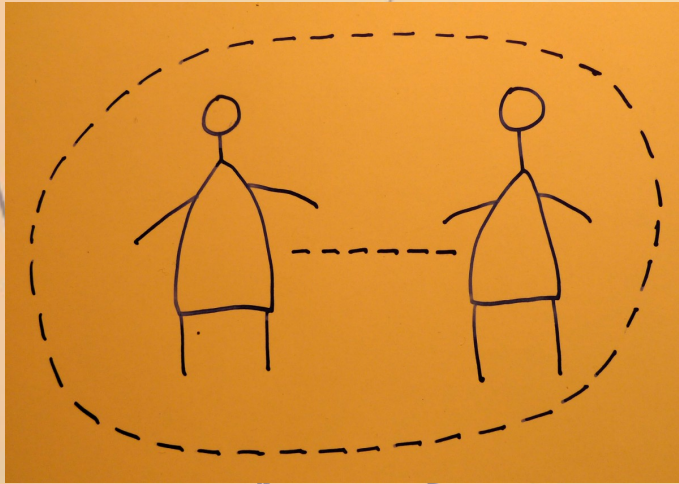
How relationships form



How Relationships Form: Environment's Role



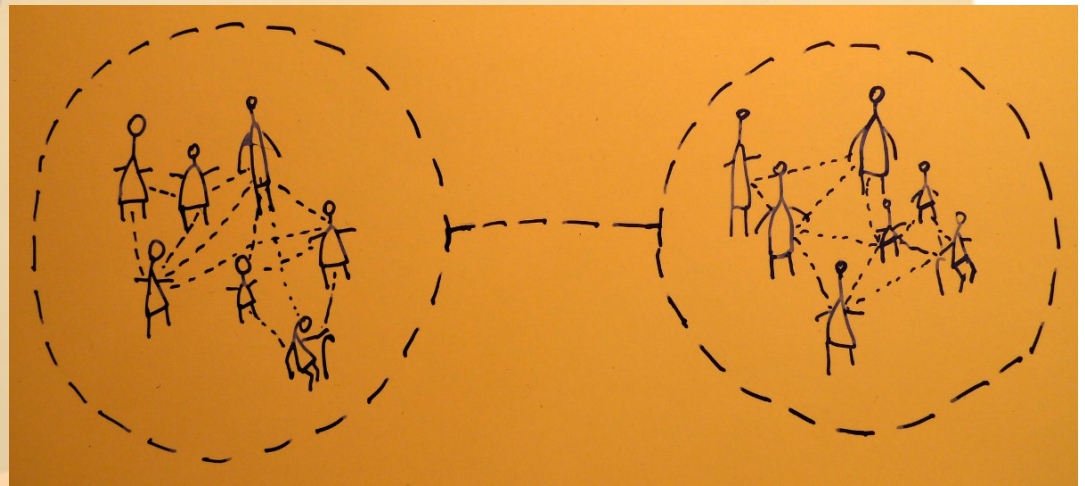
How Relationships Form: Representation



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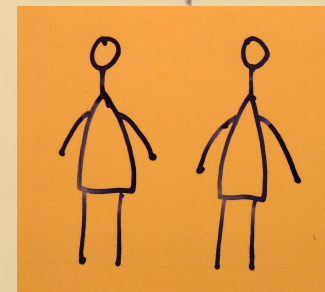
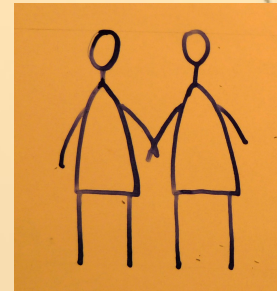


Mental
Representation

My parents
DAVID HOCKNEY
1977



The diagram illustrates the concept of mental representation. A large, light blue head profile is the central focus. Inside the head, there are several curved arrows and dashed lines, suggesting internal thought processes. A label 'CONCRETE' is written near the top left of the head. Three inset boxes, each with a black background and white stick figures, are positioned to the right of the head. The top box shows two figures standing side-by-side. The middle box shows a figure holding a smaller figure. The bottom box shows a figure holding a larger figure. The text 'Mental Representation' is written in a large, white, serif font across the bottom of the image.



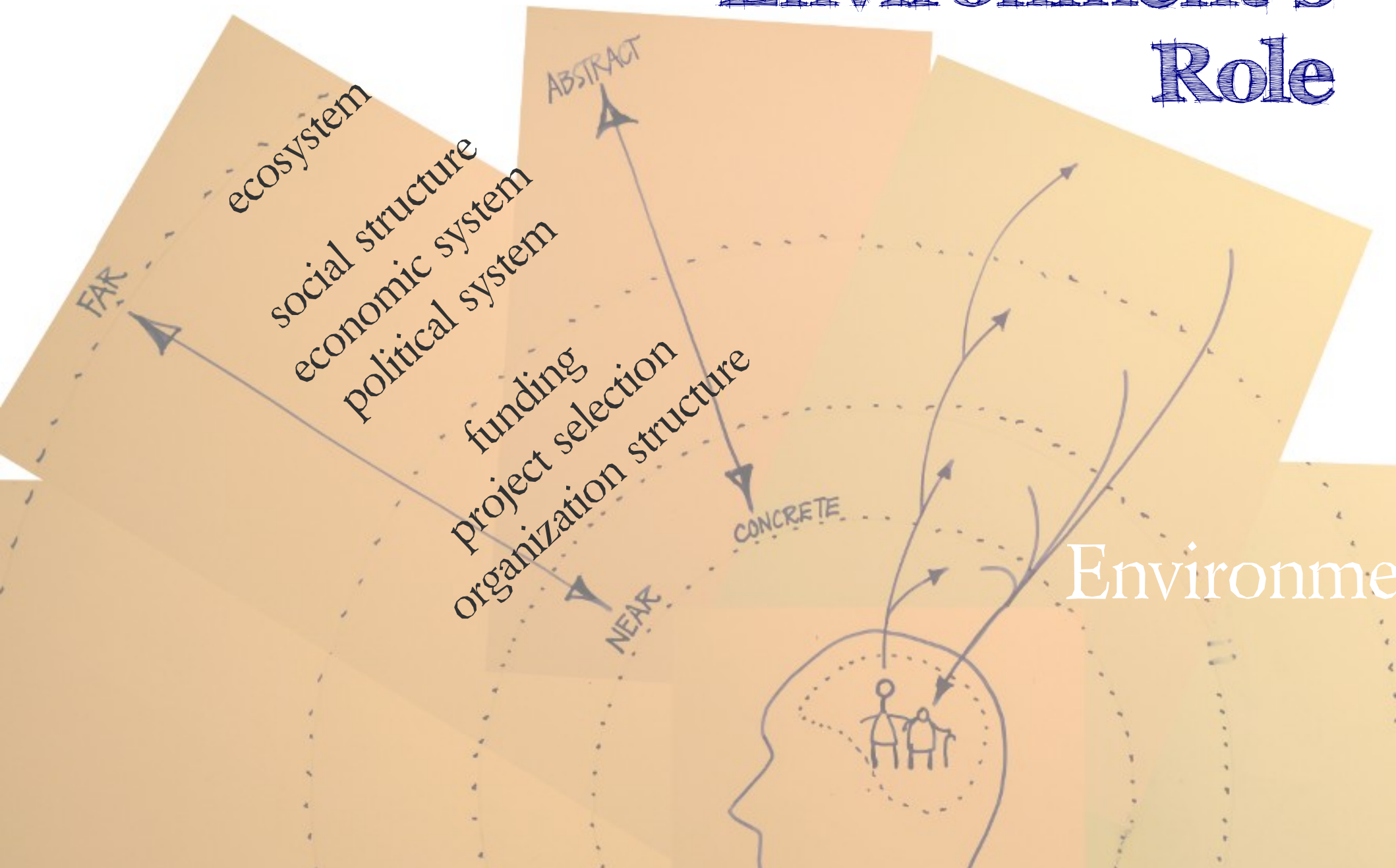
Mental Presentation

How Relationships Form: Omissions

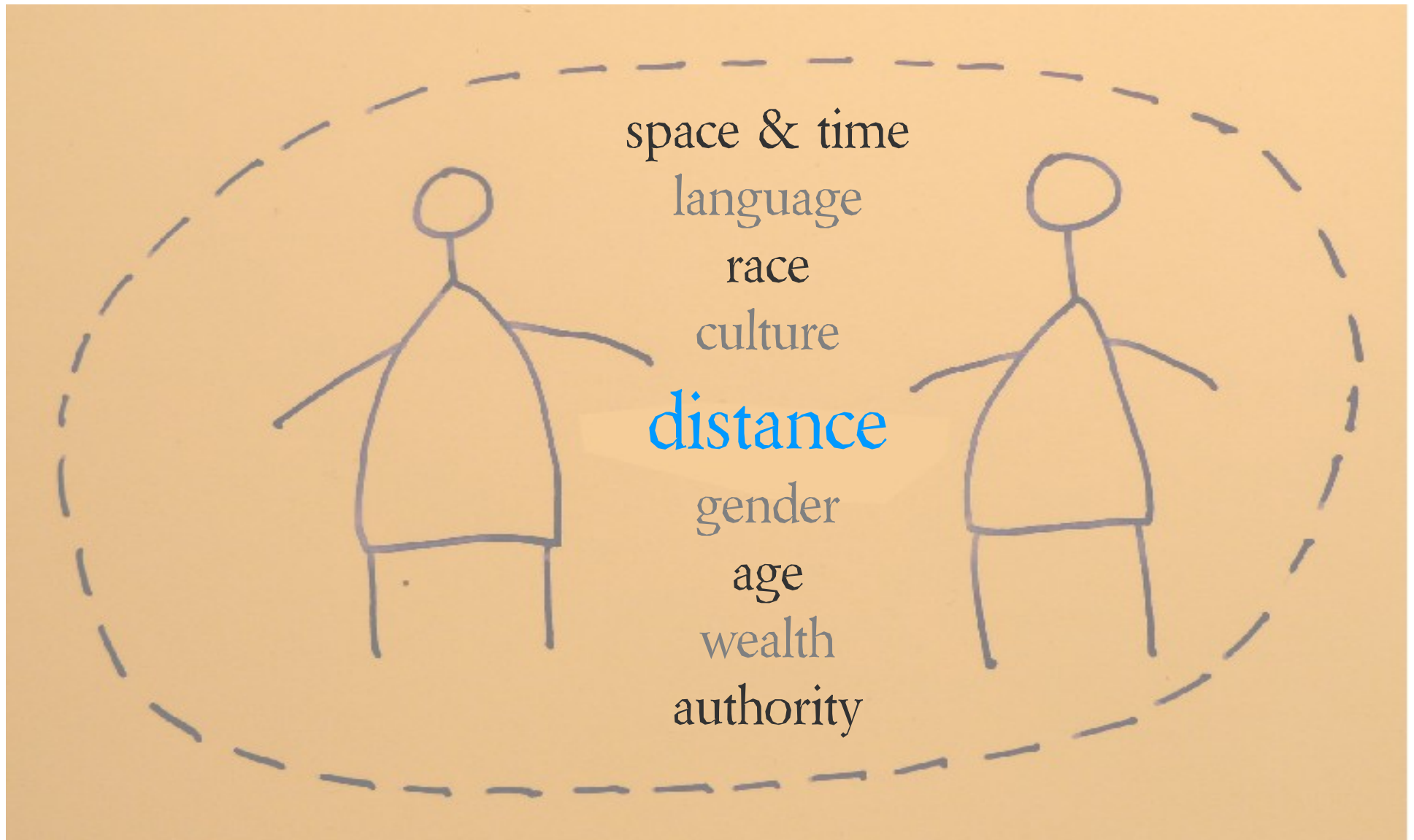


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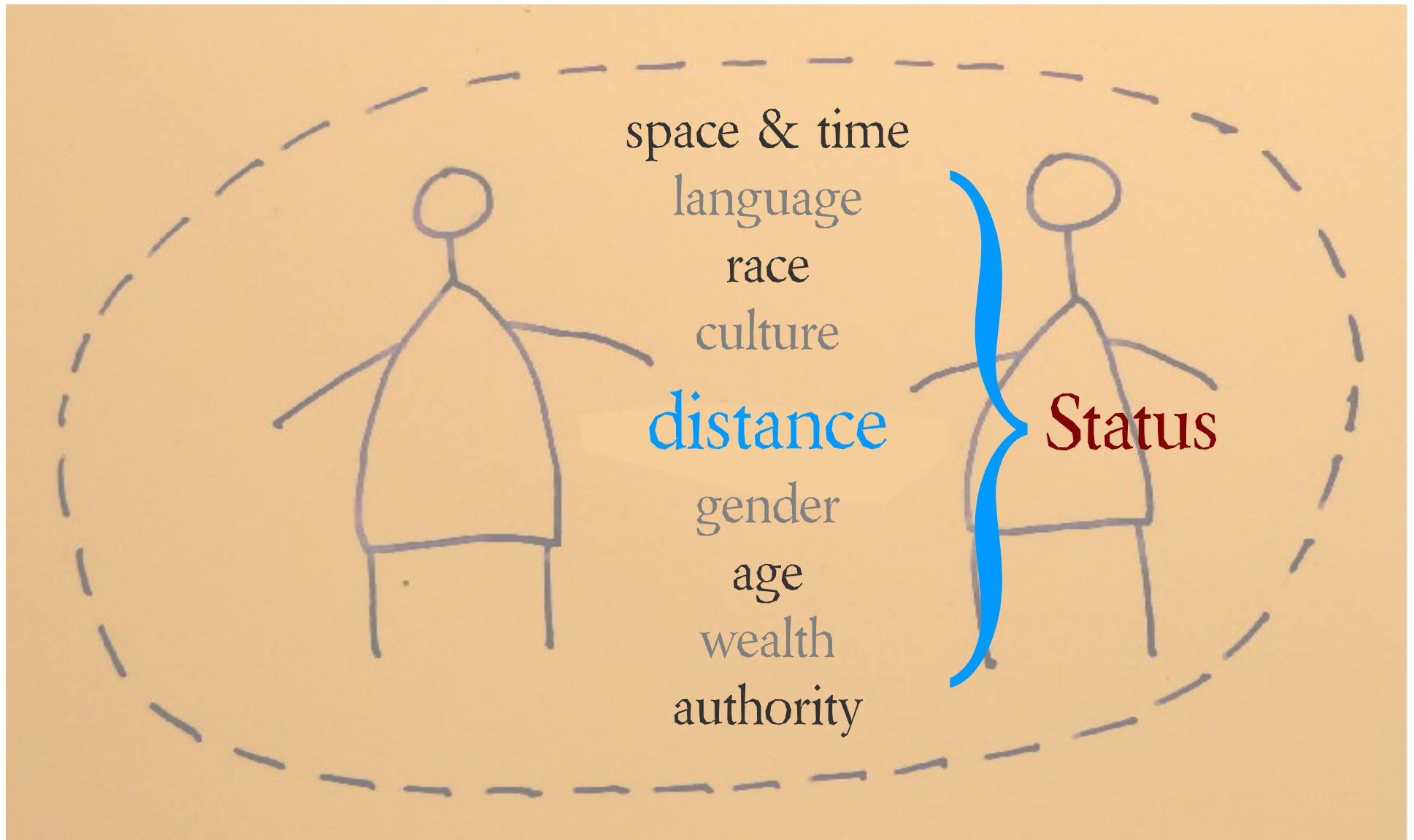
How Relationships Form: Environment's Role



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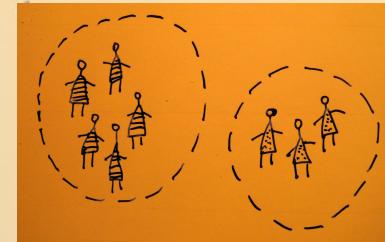
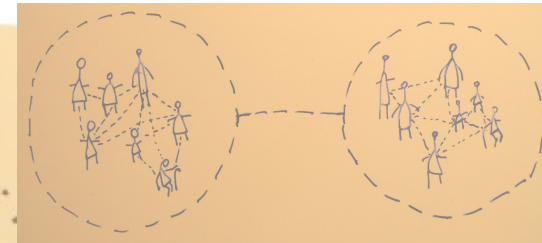
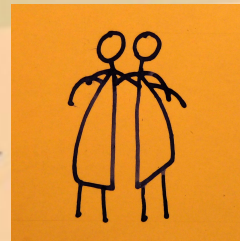
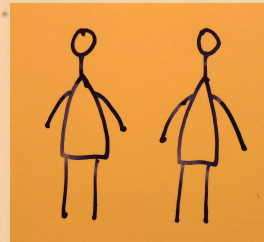
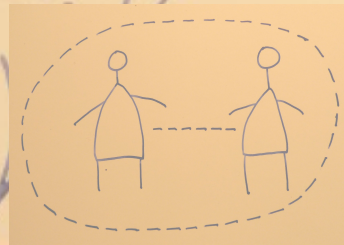
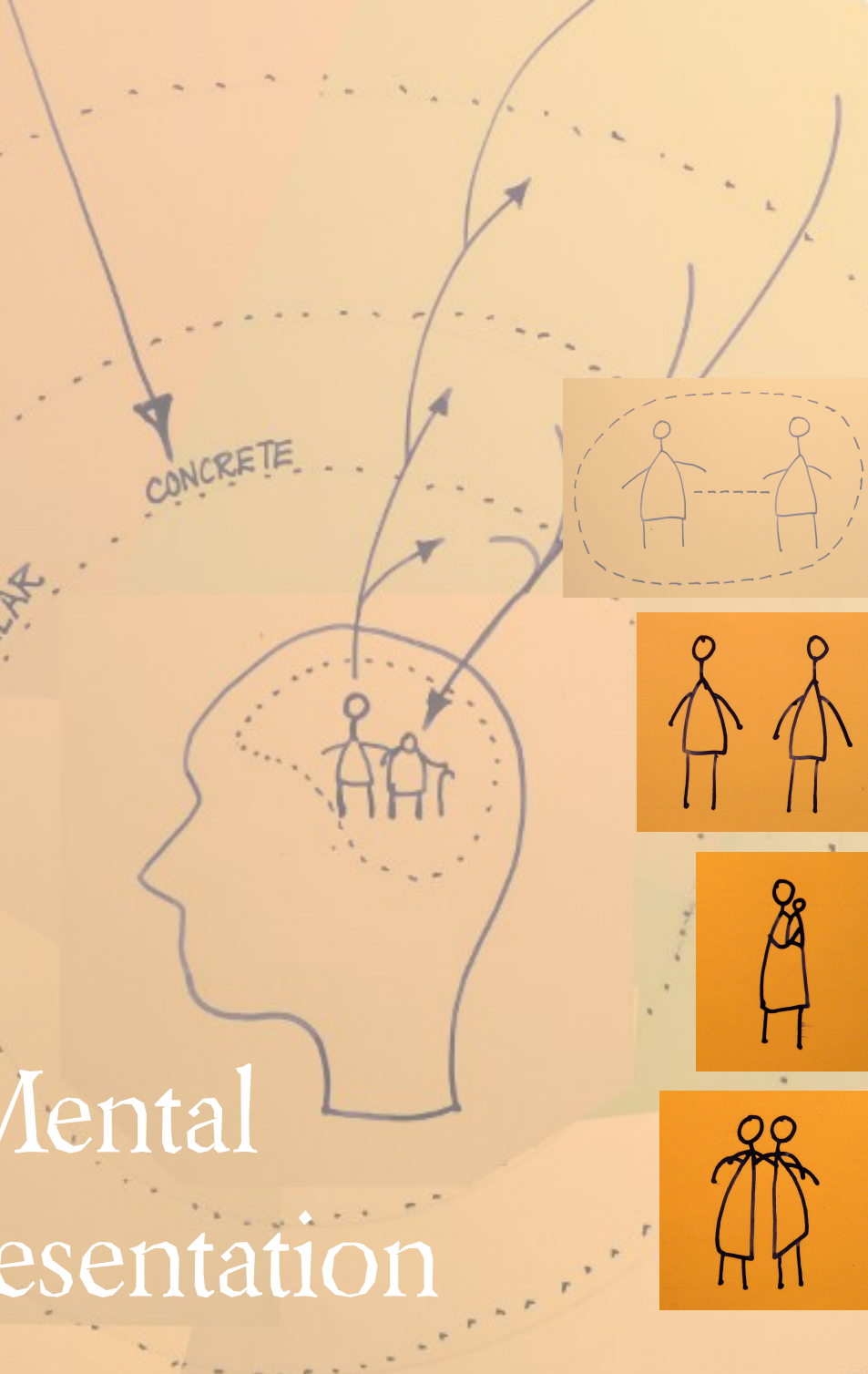


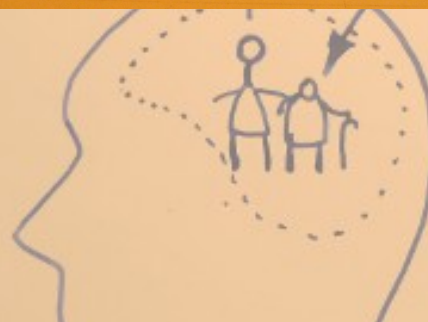
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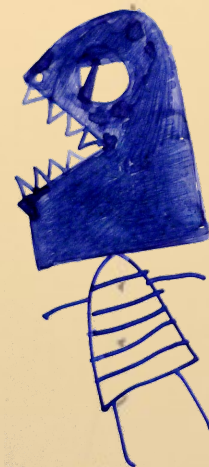
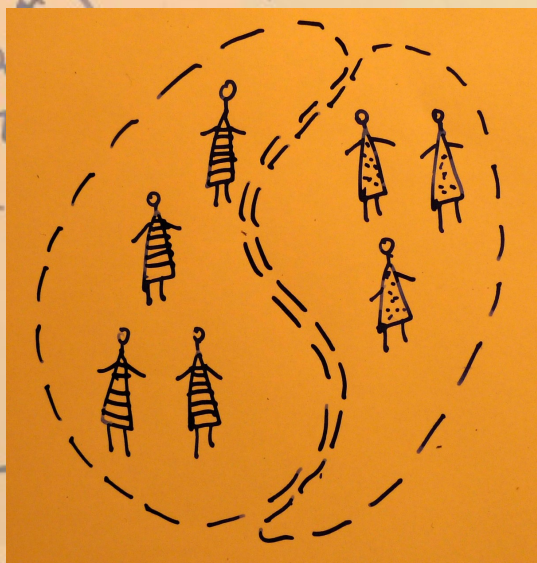


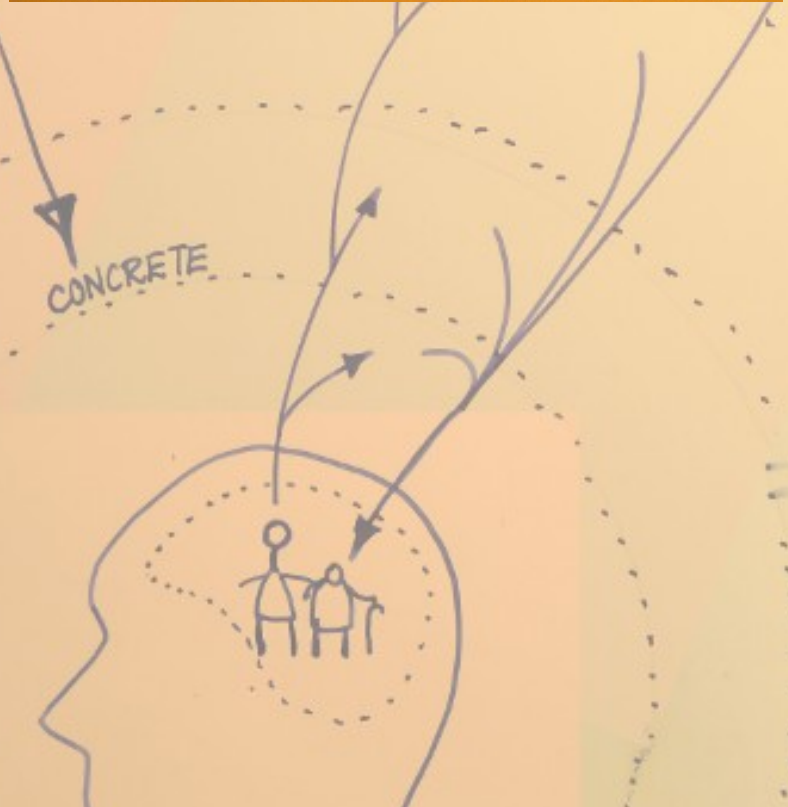
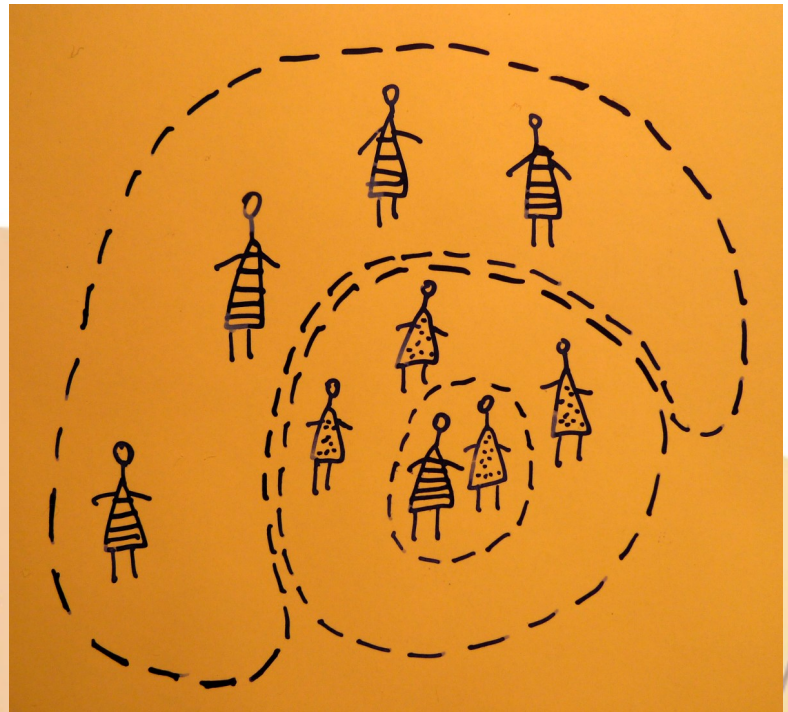
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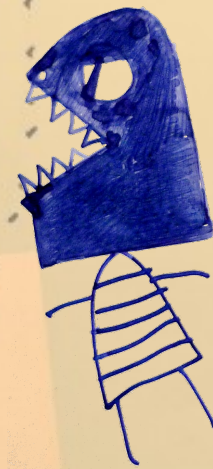
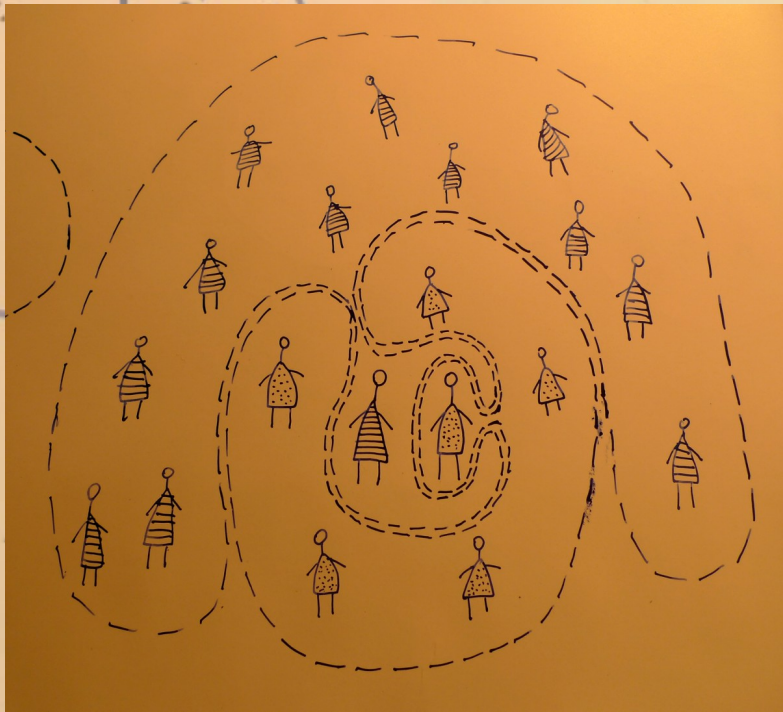
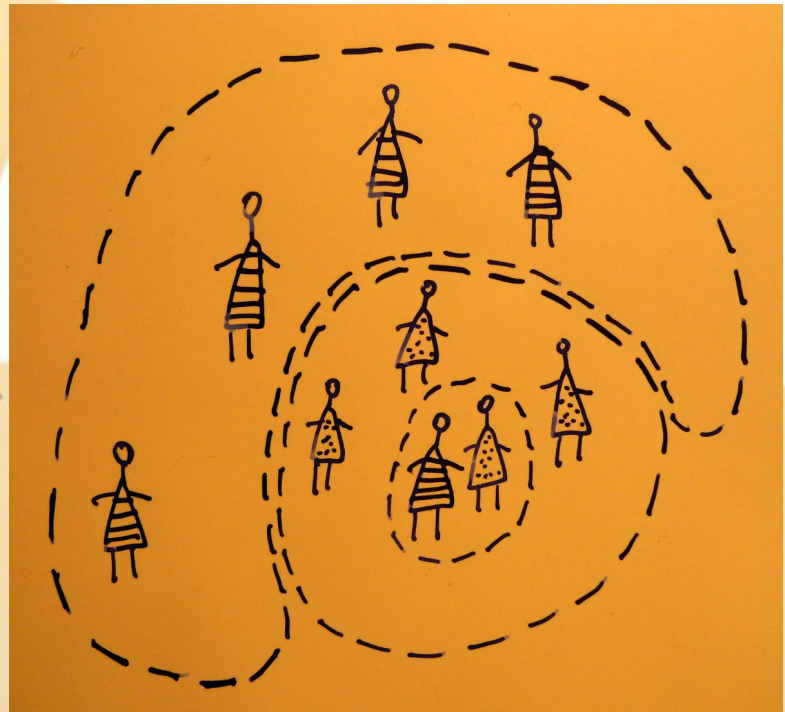
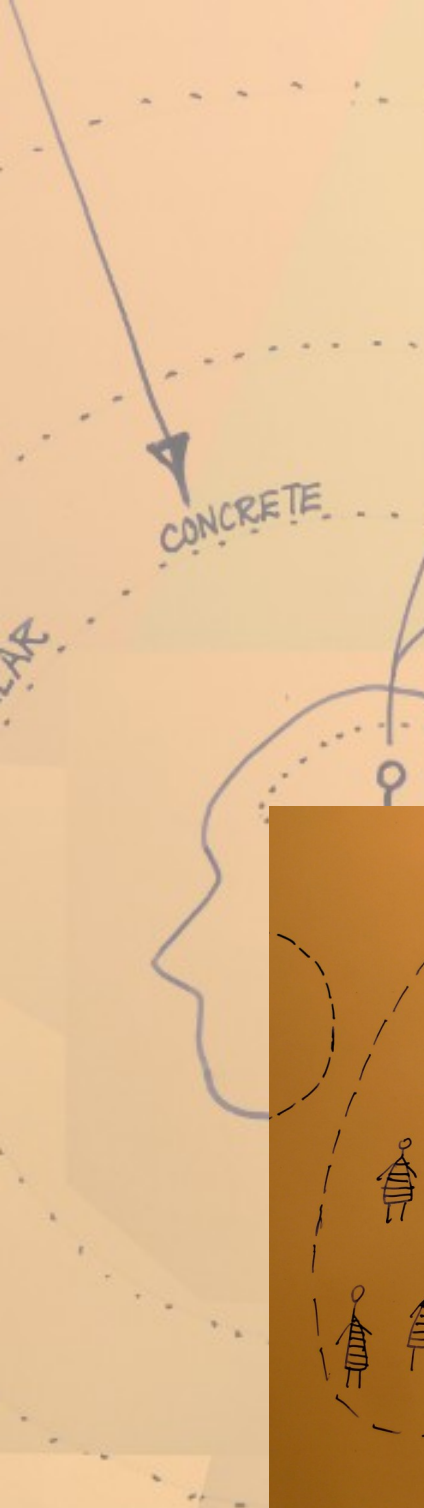
Mental
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[The] message that we were less than human was repeated over and over. I recall that from time to time [the refugee camp] was shelled and all foreigners working there were taken out to safety. We were left inside. We would often say that the foreigners were like the angels who could fly from danger; greater than ordinary human beings. We on the other hand were less than human, more like the spirits in hell.



- Meas Nee

Towards Restoring Life in Cambodian Villages

Solidarity?

or
“going native”?



A man tries hard to help you find your lost camels.
He workes more tirelessly than even you,
But in truth, he does not want you to find them, ever.

- Ali Dhux (Somali Poet)

Relationships & Healing



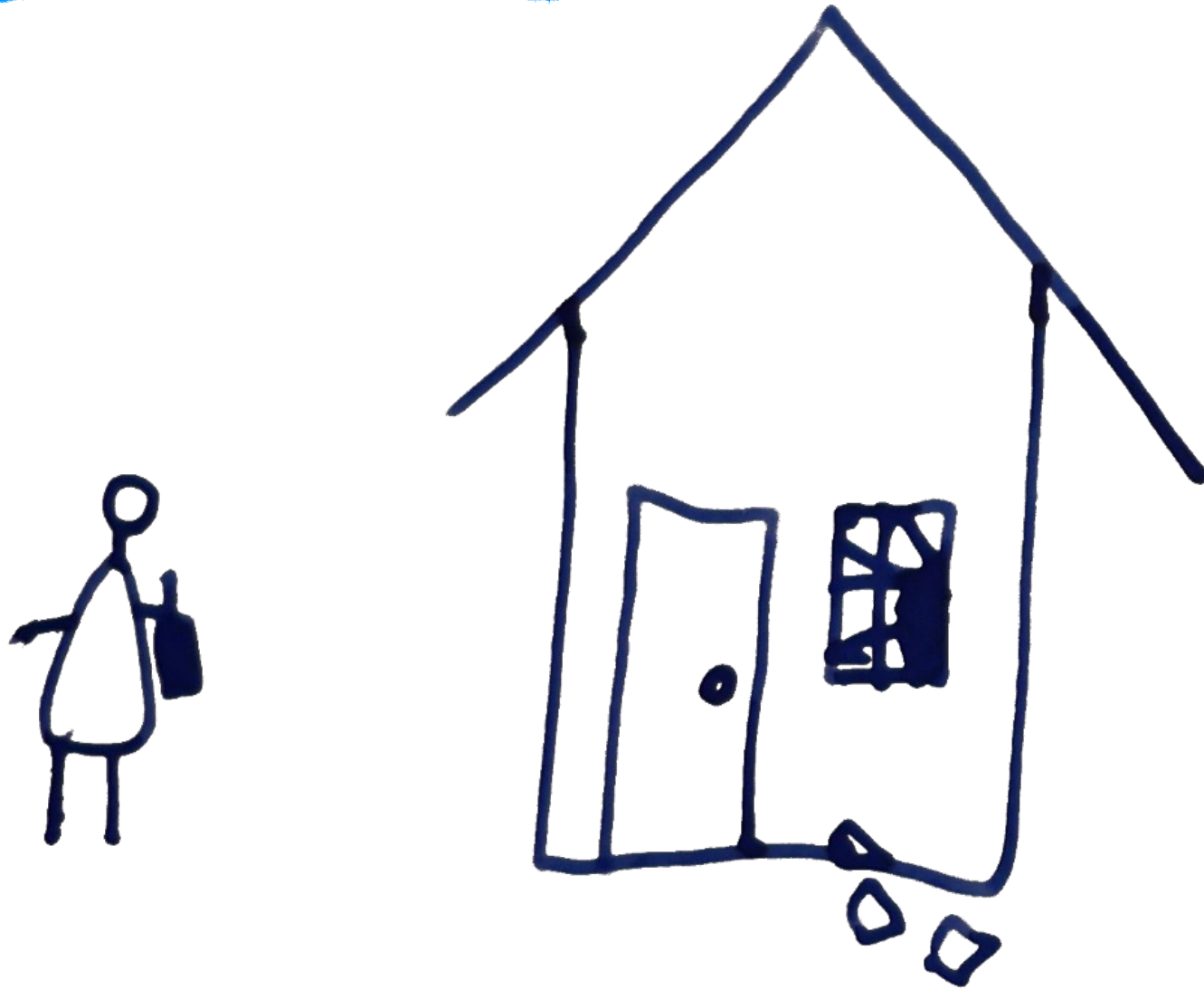
Relationships & Healing

Focusing on solutions to **specific material deficiencies** (often defined by a foreign standard)

or

Focusing on **disrupted or damaging relationships** & seeking to fortify the community's own powers to restore and maintain health

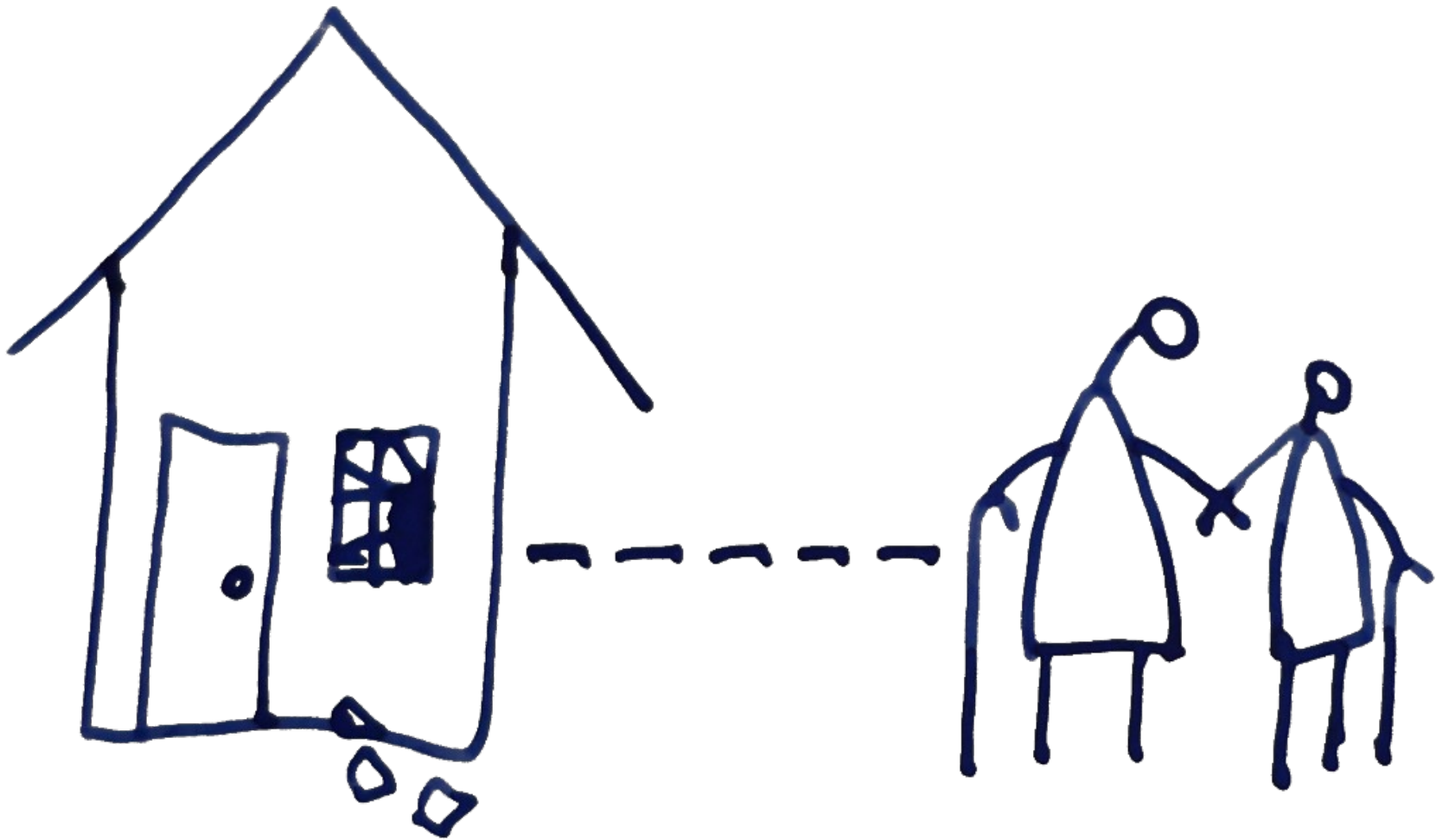
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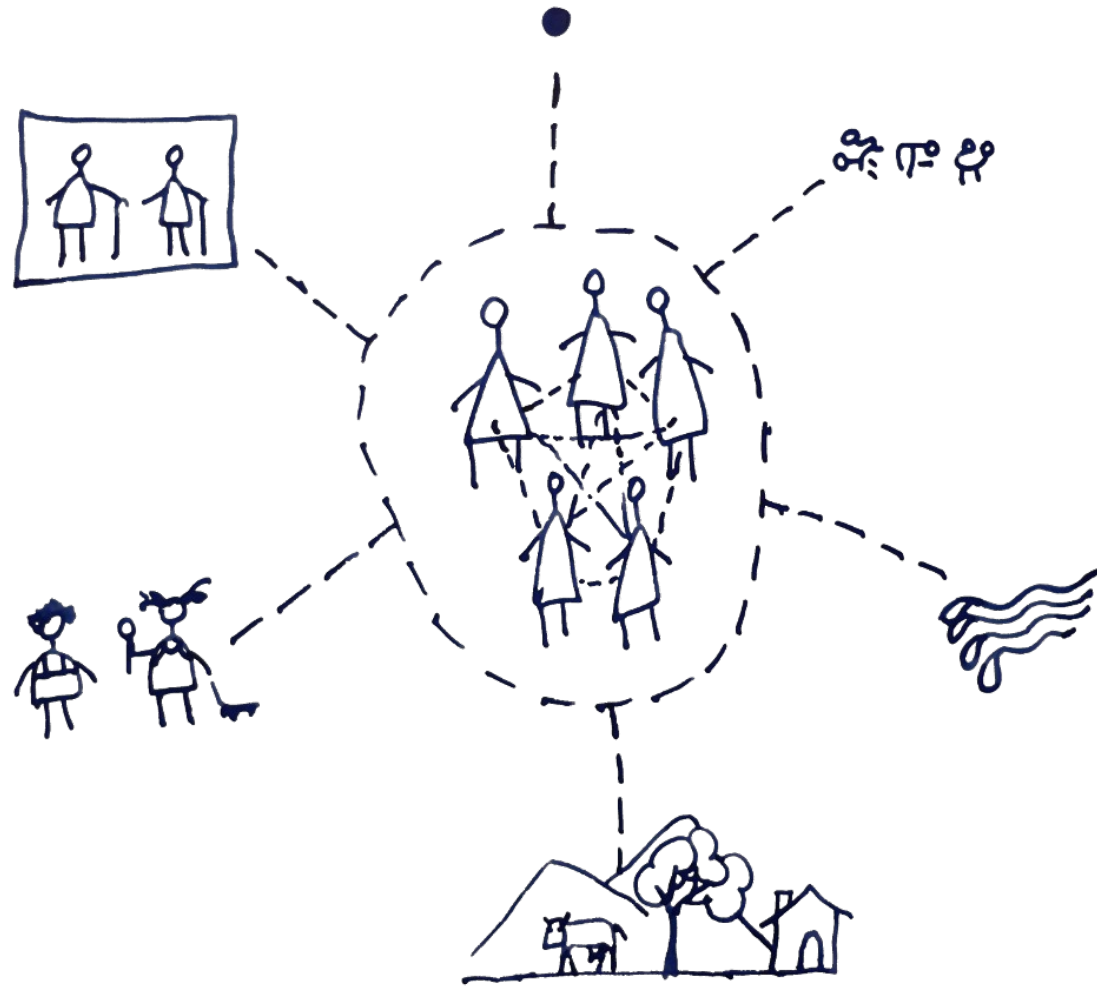
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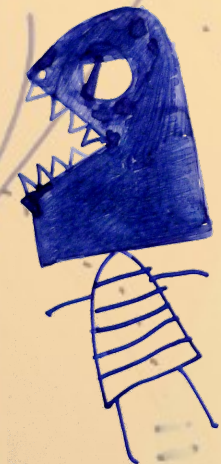
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Healing as restoring relationships



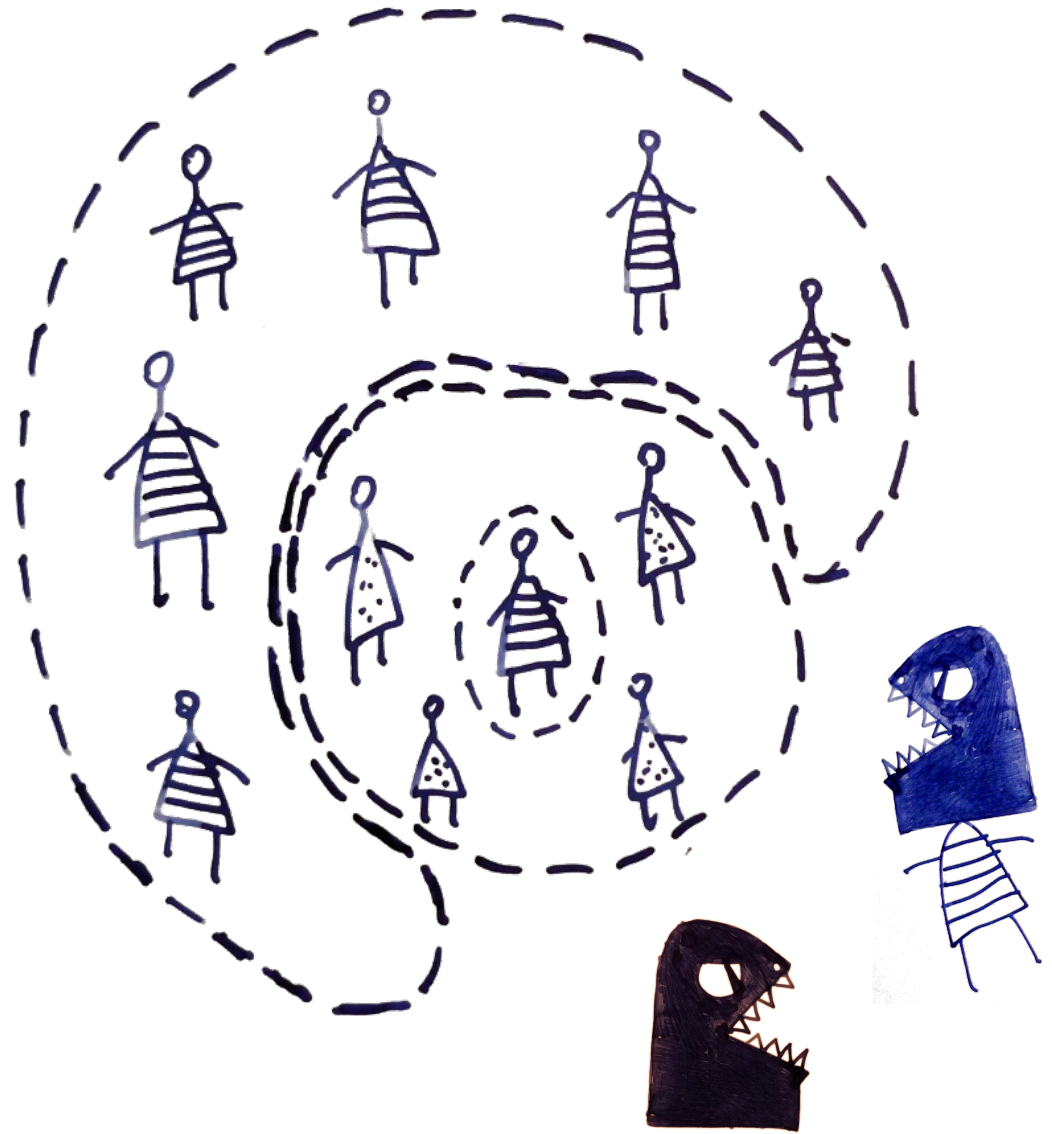
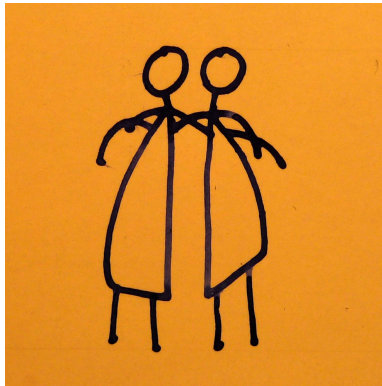
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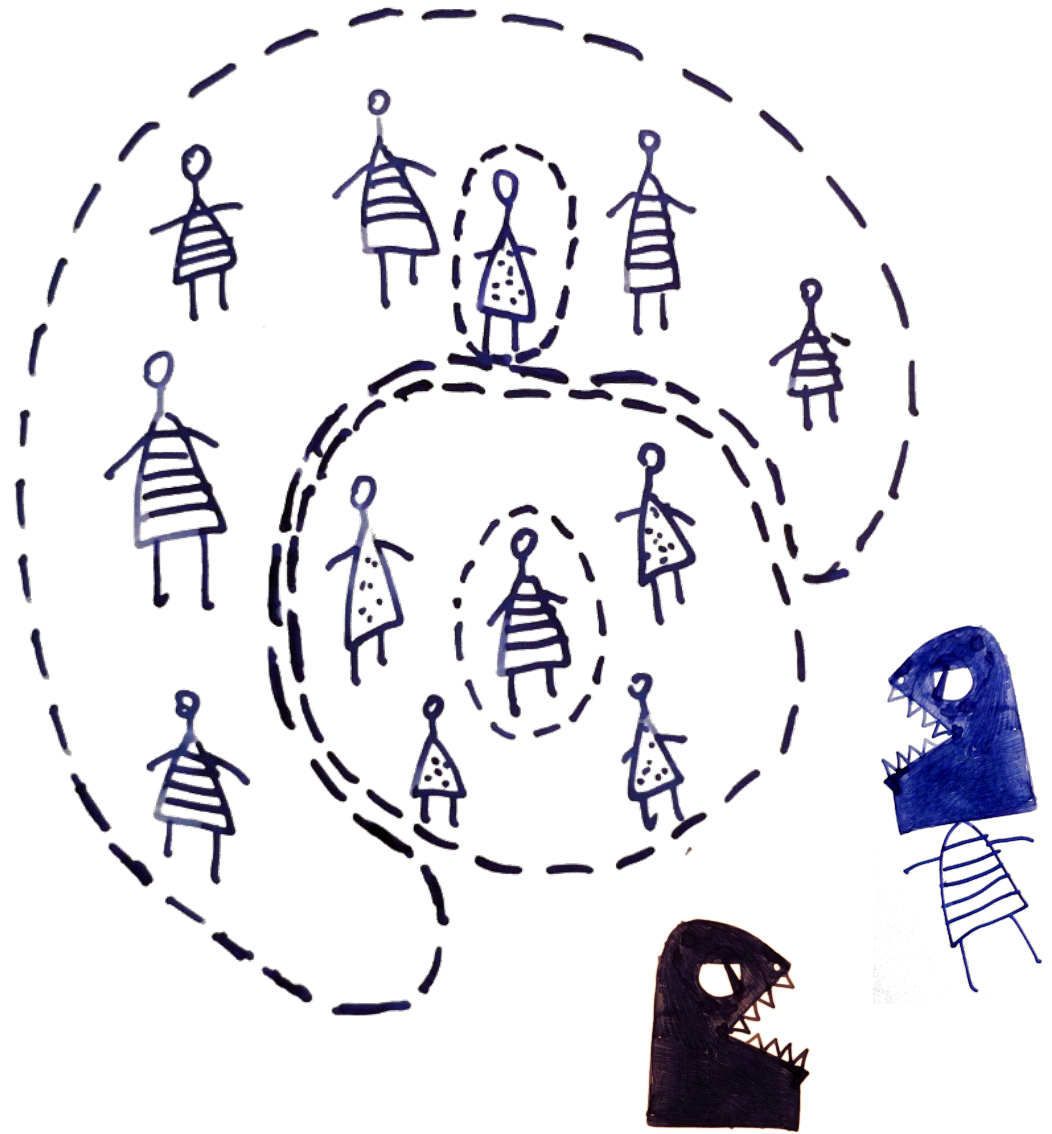
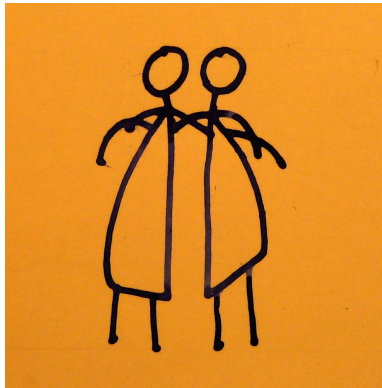
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Solidarity?



Solidarity & Sanctuary





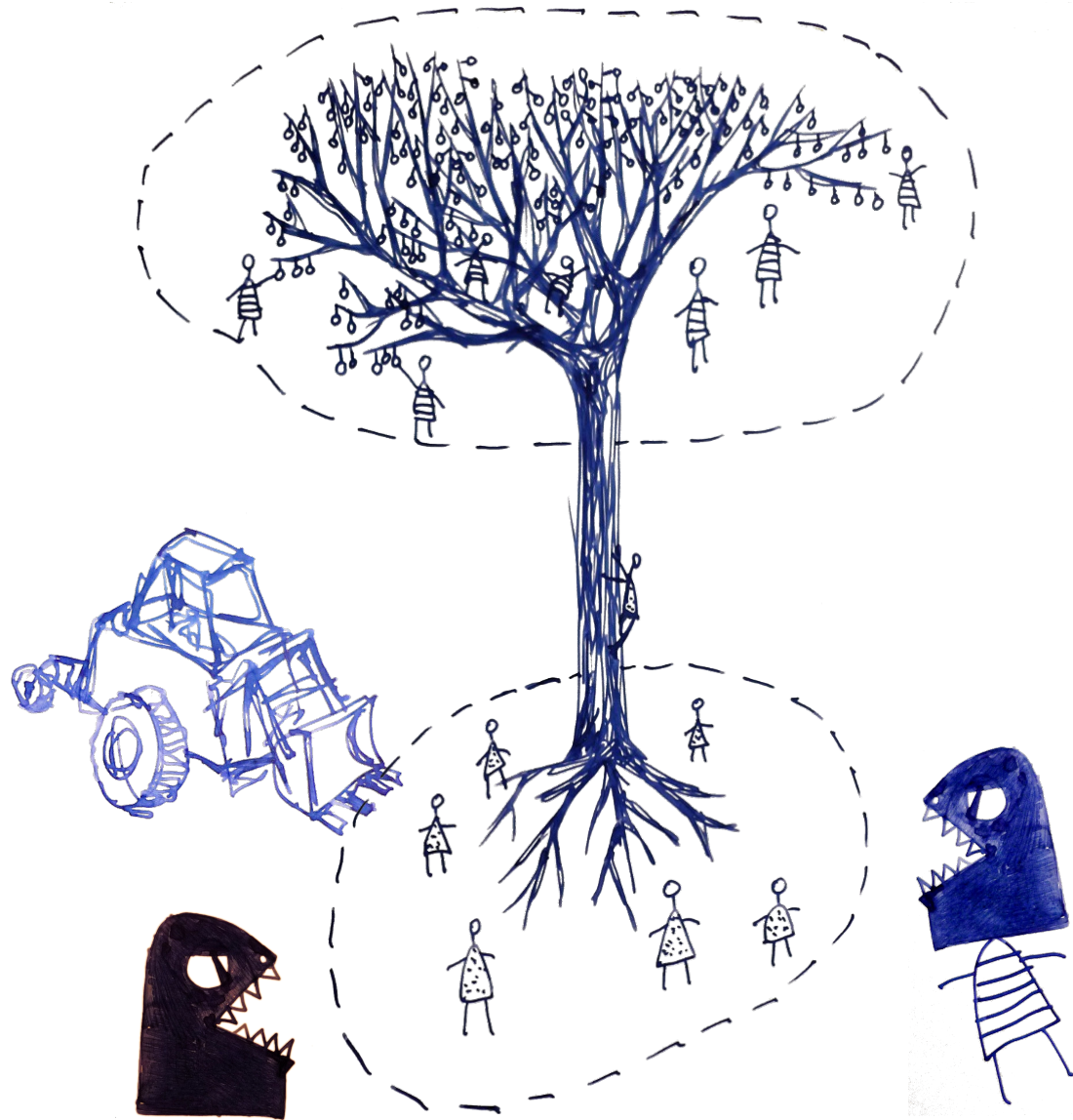
How do our **ways of seeing** and our **environment** determine the relationships that we form across communities?

What does **solidarity** really look like? Can we be in solidarity without sharing the **danger**?

What does it take to form **healing relationships** across communities?

What does it take to restore the disrupted webs that sustain the life and health of another community?

of course it's really more complicated...



Blessed are the
cracked, for
they shall let
in the light.

- Groucho Marx